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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

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7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Ken Boynton, Gordon Gibson, Carina Hart, Kevin Kearney and Andrew Tedford. Also present: Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst; Michael Becker and Lori Carriero, Tighe & Bond

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA CONFERENCE CALL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 2020

Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the April 23, 2020 Conference Call Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Becker updated the Authority relative to the upgrade. He reported that this month: site work is primarily focused on new electric duct banks; the replacement of the electrical service is over 50% complete; the abatement of asbestos and pvc paint is ongoing; the roofs on the primary and secondary buildings have been completely abated; demolition continues on out-of-service equipment; concrete work continues on Aeration Tanks #1 and #5 as well as the filter building; the overall contract schedule is 28% complete; and change orders #1 and #2 have been executed and distributed. Mr. Becker said the substantial completion date is about 70 days behind the September 22, 2022 deadline driven primarily by delays for the fabrication and delivery of clarifier equipment. The vendor has attributed the delay to the COVID-19 pandemic he reported. Mr. Grasis said that he is satisfied with the overall progress. Discussion took place regarding the Building Advisory Committee.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM EVALUATION SURVEY

Mr. Grasis introduced Ms. Carriero to the Authority. Ms. Carriero gave an overview of the Sewer System Evaluation/Feasibility Survey and updated the Authority relative to the Infiltration and Inflow study. She answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Gibson said that Figure 3 should be corrected to replace State Route 30 with Reed Road and he expressed concern about the amount of ledge in the area of Exit 67. Discussion took place relative to the development of sewer service off of Exit 67 in Tolland. Mr. Grasis said that the Authority will receive an update regarding the flow metering at the next meeting.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well. He noted that flow was less than it has been; the BOD removal is good but he would like it to be higher; carbon numbers are lower and phosphorous is up compared to last year at this time. He answered questions from the Authority and updated them regarding the safety protocols regarding COVID-19. Relative to current activities, Mr. Grasis reported that the electrical equipment at the Tankerhoosen and Campbell pump stations will be installed next week; Mr. Boske prepared the permit application for the new discharge permit for the treatment facility and the application is currently under permit renewal review; the plant foreman and collection technician positions are open; HVAC and Security contract bids were opened today and are under review; a laptop was purchased for the Assistant Collector of Revenue; and the treatment facility passed the fire hydrant/extinguisher inspection. Mr. Grasis said that there has been an increase in grease and flushable wipes in the Windsor Avenue siphon during the pandemic. The siphon is flushed monthly, he said, and it will continue to be monitored in case it needs to be flushed more frequently.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Daskal reported that the April 1st billing has been closed out and the collection rate is approximately 84%. He will update the Authority as to how many applications for the deferral of sewer use charges due to COVID-19 at the next meeting.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Chairman Tedford said that he received correspondence this month from a Manchester resident relative to their sewer use charges and the use of an irrigation system. Chairman Tedford reported that no further communication has been received from this resident.

ADJOURN

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control